

CLAIMS

[1] A container manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing a container body made of a thermoplastic material having a liquid storage portion for containing liquid therein and an instilling hole for controlling a drop amount of discharged liquid to be a predetermined amount, comprising a piercing unit for piercing the container body to form the instilling hole therein,

wherein the piercing unit includes a needle-like portion for forming the instilling hole, and a PTC heater for heating the needle-like portion.

[2] A container manufacturing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the PTC heater surrounds the needle-like portion.

[3] A container manufacturing apparatus as claimed in Claim 1 or 2, wherein the PTC heater is arranged not to contact the needle-like portion directly.